

TOWN MEETING MONDAY MARCH 23, 1992 AT 7:30 PM AT ARDEN GILD HALL

Those present were:

Carolyn Liberman	Ron Enie	Ruth Bean
Marianne Cinaglia	Barbara Fenske	Jannie Stearns
Peter A. Renzetti	Joan W. Colgan	Sally Hamburger
Thomas Colgan	Rae Gerstine	Irene O'Connor
Alex Sykulski	Tim Colgan	Shaul Gladstone
Charles McKean	Cy Liberman	Gail Rinehart
Marjorie Mabrey	Edward Rohrbach	Susan Rohrbach
Lew Aumack	Gene Shaw	Bernie Brachman
Leon Tanzer	Wm. Bailey	Cookie Ohlson
Hugh Roberts	Naomi Clark	Dane Miller
Patricia Jordan	Paul Thompson	Aaron Hamburger
Rodney Jester	Peggy Aumack	Yvonne King
Lee Starr	Frank Akutowicz	Cecilia Vore
Maryellen Jobson	Don Holcomb	A. Barnes King
Chris Demsey	Lou Bean	Wayne Smith nv
Jean Brachman	Debbie Theis	Larry Walker
Lanier Colgan	Alan Burslem	Jim Larsen
Jim Badner		

Agenda Clarification: none

Approval of January Town Minutes: Minutes approved

Communications: none

Trustees Report: Gail Rinehart

1. Cash and investments on hand as of March 1, 1992, were as follows:

Interest bearing bank balance	\$144,288.00
Arden Building & Loan share	25,000.00
	<u>\$169,288.00</u>

2. Approximately \$ 15,000 in Land Rent had been received by that same date, representing 7% of the 1992-93 Land Rent due.
3. Investments are not currently being made in CD's now since the interest rate on our bank balance is no lower than the CD rates available.
4. We request that all Committee Chairs who have not yet done so report the amount by which they expect to over or under expend their budgets.

Absent such a report, it will be assumed that expenditures will exactly equal the budgeted amount.

5. Effective April 1, 1992, annual payments for staff salaries and office rent will be as follows:

a.	Administrative Assistant's Salary	\$ 5,760.00
b.	Secretary's Salary	1,830.00
c.	Office Rent	2,100.00

6. The computerized printing of the Land Rent list and Land Rent bills appears to have been quite successful. Some minor errors were discovered and rectified. The next run should be even better.

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of Arden.

Advisory Committee Report: Marianne Cinaglia

Marianne then read the names of the nominees for the standing committees and called for nominees from the floor. The nominations were then closed and the ballots were collected by the Registration Committee to be counted at the BWVC on Tuesday, March 24, 1992 at 8 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Registration Committee: Yvonne King

The Registration Committee met on February 25th to discuss and make recommendations to improve the current method of voting on referenda. Soon after we met to deal with the November referendum it became clear that the Registration Committee has too much autonomy with too few guidelines, which left us feeling very un-comfortable.

Because of this we conferred with the Advisory Committee and in a meeting immediately following the November referendum we talked also with the Trustees.

The result of these discussions is a proposed ordinance that the Registration Committee would like to put before this town assembly.

The current number of eligible voters is 401.

The Registration Chairman then read the proposed ordinance and the discussion began.

The committee will work on the proposed ordinance and present it for a second reading and discussion for the June Town Meeting.

Report Accepted:

Report from the Town Watch Co-ordinator: Jannie Stearns

Respectfully submitted: Jannie Stearns, Co-ordinator Arden Town Watch.

Archives Committee Report: Sally Hamburger

The committee is still occupied with the task of settling into our new quarters at the Buzz Ware Village Center. The archival supplies for preserving photographs, long on back order, have finally arrived - now we can get started on this large project.

We participated in Arden Trivia Night, co-sponsored by the Buzz Ware Village Center Committee on February 8, and we all had such a good time that another trivia night is scheduled for this Saturday. We hope to build in more time for the stories behind the answers this time.

The committee cooked the Gild Hall dinner this past Saturday, March 21. It was fun to do, the food was good, the company great and we made a tidy profit for the Arden Club. I recommend it as a worthwhile and "bonding" activity for other committees.

The big news is the Smithsonian feature story due out in the May edition of that magazine. Many of you have been working with the editor and photographer during the past month - they have been checking every detail five times over. This article has been in the works for the past two years - we certainly look forward to seeing it in print. The editor promises us some copies for the Archives and the Library.

Report accepted.

Assessors Report: Aaron Hamburger

There will be two public hearings May 12, 1992 at the BWVC at 8 PM and June 2, 1992 at the BWVC at 8 PM. Notices will be sent next week.

Report Accepted

Audit Committee: no report

Buzz Ware Village Center: Connee McKinney

Special programs that occurred since January:

1. Clay building with Alan Burslem - 12 people were there.
2. Trivia Night
3. Sunshine Fund making, notepaper and cookies.
4. Sunshine Fund sale profit \$150 (after expenses) to give the fund.
5. Valentine making session

Planning events:

1. March 28th Second Annual Trivia night a "rematch" 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
2. Easter basket making - Saturday April 11th.
3. Over 80's party in early June details to follow.

There have been 14 meetings at B.W.V.C and again I want to stress the need to schedule events ahead of time.

The Arden Book goes to the publishers on Tuesday. We decided to order 1000 copies for use by Arden because the cost break is so much better if one orders a larger number at one printing. The first 250 or so will be distributed, one per household, for free. Others will be available for sale, at \$6 per copy, which will generate funds for future printing.

Archives ordered 100 additional for their use, Ardencroft has done the same. As new people move into Arden, the welcoming committee will give them an Arden book as part of their packet. We hope to have a book-opening party for first distribution. More info soon !

The cost went over the original budgeted amount of \$1500 due to increased cost of printing and the number we decided to order. The Town Chairperson offered the balance to be paid out of contingency funds because this would save funds in the long run.

At this point \$757.14 has come out of contingency. After two years of gestation, I'm delighted that a delivery date is at hand - and as the "midwife", to belabor a metaphor, let me thank the hard working committee: Frank Akutowitz, Sally Hamburger, Bill Press, Maria Burslem, Joan Colgan, Ethel & Harold Montfort and some of the writers, Pat Press & Shaul Gladstone and a special thanks to Pat & Cy Liberman who are responsible for the major re-writing. Cecilia Vore and Connee McKinney have done an absolutely splendid job of editing the final copy of the 1992 Arden Book. We are fortunate to have such talent contributed so generously.

Ruth Bean
Chairperson of Arden Book Committee

Report accepted.

Civic Committee : Lou Bean

The repairs to the 10-inch storm water drain at Orleans-Millers and St. Martins lane have been completed except for repaving which will be carried out when the blacktop plants open again. Whenever you dig there are always surprises that add to the cost. This was no exception.

We also replaced 143 feet of 12-inch storm water drain off Sherwood Road. Those of you who saw the pipe removed will agree it needed replacement. It came out in bits and pieces. Gene Shaw thinks that pipe was installed in the 1920's.

We installed 20 feet of post rail fence behind the "Ye Are Welcome" sign on the boundary with Ardentown. An Ardentown resident decided he was going to drive across Arden parkland to Lower Lane rather than exit on Harvey Road. We took a variety of actions the most effective of which was the fence installation. There has been no more trespassing.

The bid specifications for raising the curbstones on Orleans the rest of the way to Harvey will soon be prepared. When the contract is awarded we can apply for \$5000 from DELDOT. This should cover much of the cost. We are indebted to our representative Wayne Smith for this action.

A new bulletin board for the Green is to be built and it should be installed next month. We are grateful to Ed Rohrbach for his classy design.

The special trash pickup is scheduled for April 15. Remember the date.

Report accepted

Budget Committee Report: Larry Walker

During the past year several people have commented to the Budget Committee that the Town's annual contributions to ACRA, the Arden Page, and the Arden Library have been relatively modest. The 1992-93 budget line items are as follows:

Arden Library	\$300
Arden Page	\$300
ACRA	\$500

Over the past five years there has been little change in these figures. The Town's annual contributions to these groups amounts to less than 17% of the Town's annual budget, yet these groups play a significant role in improving the quality of life in Arden. The committee would like to get a "sense of the meeting" on the feelings of people on the Budget Committee's favourably considering higher annual contributions to these three Arden groups.

Report accepted.

Community Planning: Lew Aumack for Russ McKinney

Community Planning Committee requests that the second reading on changes to wording of Ordinance # 11, be tabled - needs more work before being presented again.

The Arden Book ready for distribution.

Woods clean-up Saturday April 11, Memorial Garden clean -up April 25.

If anyone is interested in "water sampling" the Arden creek, Lew will get more details.

Cy Liberman one of Arden's two representatives to CCOBH then gave his report:

REPORT OF ARDEN'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS TO BRANDYWINE HUNDRED.

1. Arden has expressed opposition to two proposed developments on Silverside Road. In one of those, the Silverside Dairy project, both the county Planning Department and the Planning Board recommended against granting the rezoning. County Council has not yet acted. In the other, the Forwood School property next to the dairy property, the county planners have not yet presented their recommendations.
2. On another matter, I want to call your attention to county ordinance #92-035, recently introduced by Councilman Dick Cecil, which could have a tremendous effect in Arden. The ordinance would create a Historic Review Board with great power: there is such a board at present, but it has very little power. Under the proposed ordinance any building or district which is on the National Register of Historic Places - as Arden is - could be designated for preservation as a New Castle County historic district. This would mean that no person could alter, reconstruct or demolish any building in Arden without a permit approved by the Historic Review Board. The board would require that plans and specifications of the proposed work be submitted, and would hold a hearing on the application. It seems to me that this would mean extra expense and delay for Arden homeowners who wish to add to their houses. The emphasis of the ordinance is on historic preservation - to preserve historic structures as they are. Arden's placement on the National Register was not intended to preserve each structure as is and to prevent additions. Rather, it was intended to get the village some deserved recognition and to protect Harvey Road. I think we need to talk with Councilman Cecil about this ordinance.

A Motion was then presented:

Motion: That Cy Liberman and a small committee, on behalf of Arden Town Assembly draft an amendment to ordinance # 92-035 and present to County Council-man Dick Cecil.

Motion was seconded and approved. (copy of the draft that was sent is on file with Town Secretary)

Legislative Reference Committee: Hugh Roberts

The Legislative Reference Committee has been working on a compilation of minutes of the Town Assembly from the time of incorporation to the present with the idea of providing easy reference to committee and special actions of the town. We also have in rough draft the first pages of an eventual town manual that will include committee functions, ordinances and other relevant information. The first part will be published as soon as committees have reviewed the draft submitted at the last advisory committee meeting.

Report accepted.

Playground Committee: Pat Jordan

All equipment has been inspected and is in good order, and will be painted this spring.

Report accepted.

Old business: none

New Business: Tim Colgan, Safety Committee proposes, in the form of a motion, the following: To: Mr. Mark McNulty, Department of Transportation, Dover, DE.

Dear Mr. McNulty: A Motion was passed by the Village of Arden at our March Town Meeting as follows:

Whereas the intersection of Harvey and Orleans Roads is a dangerous intersection, we, the Arden Town Assembly, request a traffic-actuated light with appropriate accessory warning signs and pedestrian buttons be installed. The reasons for the need of such a system are as follows: Harvey Road has a hill and curve when approaching from the east that makes it hazardous for vehicles and pedestrians to cross at Orleans Road. The posted 25 M.P.H. speed limit is violated by a great many vehicles. The crossing is used by the community to reach the Gild Hall, Village Center, and Swimming Pool, Library and Montessori School. A large number of children cross at this intersection to utilize playgrounds that exist on both sides of Town.

We have had numerous traffic counts in the past that have shown the traffic volume does not warrant a light, the time has come for a personal inspection by you and members of your department to see first hand the potential danger. A traffic-actuated signal would be of minimal inconvenience to Harvey Road vehicles and substantially increase the margin of safety for pedestrians and motorists using the intersection.

Signed: The Town Assembly of Arden. The Motion was seconded and approved. The Town Secretary will send the above letter to Mr. McNulty with copies to Myrna Bair and Wayne Smith.

Good and Welfare: Bill Press asked for remembrances for long time Arden resident Helen Von Dreele recently passed away.

Motion to Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM

Respectfully submitted

Irene O'Connor

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Town Assembly Secretary

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

BELOW ARE THE RESULTS OF BALLOTS FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEES ELECTED IN THE MARCH TOWN MEETING:

ARCHIVES: Sally Hamburger, convenor*, Joan Colgan, Pat Liberman. Runner-up is Peter Renzet
Serving members: Don Holcomb, Jean Brachman.

ASSESSORS: (The election for the Assessors board took place in November)

AUDIT: John Wheeler, convenor*. Runner-up Lee Starr. Serving members: Mary Irons, John Austin.

BUDGET: Christine Demsey, convenor*, James Schwaber. Runners-up Bess Southwell and James Pasquarella. Serving members: Marianne Cinaglia, Larry Walker.

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: John Demsev, convenor*, Barbara Fenske. Runner-up is Jannie Stearns. Serving members: Connee McKinney, Ruth Bean, Sue Rohrbach.

CIVIC COMMITTEE: Lou Bean, convenor*, Aaron Hamburger, Bernie Brachman. Runner-up is Charles McKean. Serving members: Maryellen Jobson, Harold Monfort.

COMMUNITY PLANNING: James Schwaber, convenor*, Russ McKinney. Runner-up is Ed Rohrbach. Serving members: Debbie Theis, Lew Aumack, David Burslem.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Steven Threefoot, convenor*, Lanier Colgan. Runner-up is Elizabeth Varley. Serving member: Hugh Roberts.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Larry Walker, convenor*, Judy Butler, Bill Busch and Jannie Stearns tied for third place. We hope both of you will serve until the tie can be resolved at June Town Assembly meeting.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Yvonne King, convenor*, Sharon Kleban, Peggy Aumack, Elizabeth Varley and Karol Hannover tied for fourth place. We hope both of you will serve until the tie can be resolved at June Town Assembly.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Peter Renzetti, convenor*, Tom Colgan, Dane Miller. Runner is Peggy Auma
Serving members: Tim Colgan, Elizabeth Varley.

TOWN ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN: William Press

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Marianne Cinaglia

TOWN ASSEMBLY TREASURER: Rae Gerstine

TOWN ASSEMBLY SECCRETARY: Irene O'Connor

THE ARDENS TOWN WATCH RULES AND PROCEDURES

RULES

1. Town Watch members are not police officers and WILL NOT become involved in any criminal incident.
2. NO drinking of achololic beverages before or during patrols.
3. NO patrolling while using medication which may cause side effects such as drowsiness.
4. Obey all criminal and traffic laws.
5. DO NOT pursue or stop people or vehicles.
6. DO NOT patrol alone.
7. Immediately report all problems to 911 or 573-2800.
8. DO NOT remain at the scene of any incident, withdraw to a safe distance.
9. DO NOT enter buildings or vacant houses.
10. DO NOT trespass on private property without the owner's permission. Permission must be granted in writing.
(See Procedure # 3)
11. Patrol members must be at least 18 years of age.
12. NEVER accuse a person of criminal activity or other offenses.
13. NEVER argue with a person who might object to your patrol activities.
14. ABSOLUTELY NO firearms or other weapons will be allowed while on patrol, even if you are licensed to carry one.

PROCEDURES

1. Check in with the base station at the begining of your patrol. Check in with base station or designate every hour with time and location, record check-ins on log sheet. If a situation arises requiring you to cut your patrol short, notify the base station that you are no longer available. ALL patrols must be equipped with mobile phone, log sheet and flashlight. Return to base at end of patrol and log out.

2. DO NOT leave your vehicle to investigate any activity. Observe suspicious activity from your vehicle, as long as you can do so safely. Report any suspicious activity to 911 or 573-2800. Inform 911 that you are a Town Watch patrol and give them your location and vehicle description once you have withdrawn to a safe distance. Inform base of the incident and record the information on log sheet.
3. Never trespass on private property without owner's permission. If a problem is suspected, call 911 or 573-2800. Residents who are going to be away may file 'Permission to Enter' forms with Town Watch. These forms give permission to enter grounds only, and Town Watch is not responsible for the property.
4. Never attempt to enforce traffic rules and regulations. If you observe a flagrant violation, record the location, time, date, tag number and description of vehicle and driver. Report the incident to 911 or 573-2800.
5. If you observe or locate an accident report it to 911 or 573-2800 and base.
6. All vehicles used for patrol should be in proper operating condition and be insured in compliance with Delaware law.

I have read the above rules and procedures and agree to abide by them while I am on Town Watch patrol.

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____